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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Gregory J. Smith et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR WIRELESSLY  
MANAGING THE OPERATION OF A  
NETWORK APPLIANCE OVER A LIMITED  
DISTANCE

Examiner: M. Milord

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**REMARKS**

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005.

**§103 Rejections**

Claims 1, 3-10, 12,-15, and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,857,021 to Schuster et al. ("Schuster") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,021,324 to Sizer, II et al. ("Sizer") and U.S. Patent No. 6,542,740 to Olgaard et al. ("Olgaard"). Claims 2, 11, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuster in view of Sizer and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,253 to Farris et al. ("Farris"). The Applicants traverse these rejections.